

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a meeting to be held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth on Monday, 29 January 2024 at 7.30 pm

Members of the Policy and Resources Committee: -

Councillors:

Sarah Nelmes (Chair)
Jon Tankard
Paul Rainbow
Chris Lloyd
Andrew Scarth
Steve Drury
Keith Martin

Stephen Giles-Medhurst (Vice-Chair)
Philip Hearn
Abbas Merali
Oliver Cooper
Stephen Cox
Chris Mitchell

*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive
Friday, 19 January 2024*

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public on agenda items at the Policy and Resources Committee meetings. Details of the procedure are provided below:

For those wishing to speak:

Members of the public are entitled to register and identify which item(s) they wish to speak on from the published agenda for the meeting. Those who wish to register to speak are asked to register on the night of the meeting from 7pm. Please note that contributions will be limited to one person speaking for and one against each item for not more than three minutes.

In the event of registering your interest to speak on an agenda item but not taking up that right because the item is deferred, you will be given the right to speak on that item at the next meeting of the Committee.

Those wishing to observe the meeting are requested to arrive from 7pm.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

(Pages 5
- 12)

To confirm, as a correct record, the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 4 December 2023.

3. NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

Items of other business notified under Council Procedure Rule 30 to be announced, together with the special circumstances that justify their consideration as a matter of urgency. The Chair to rule on the admission of such items.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest.

5. FINANCIAL PLANNING - REVENUE SERVICES

(Pages
13 - 44)

To consider a report of the Director of Finance recommending that the Committee recommend to Full Council the updated revenue budget for 2023/24; proposed revenue budget for 2024/25; and the indicative revenue budget for 2025/26 & 2026/27, all of which form the Council's Medium-Term Financial Plan.

6. FINANCIAL PLANNING - CAPITAL STRATEGY AND THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY

(Pages
45 - 74)

To consider a report of the Director of Finance recommending that the Committee recommend to Full Council the Capital Strategy and Treasury Management Policy over the medium term (2024/25 to 2026/27).

7. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2020/25

(Pages
75 - 96)

To consider a report of the Director of Finance recommending that the Council approved the implementation of a revised Council tax reduction scheme that with effect from 1 April 2024.

8. FINANCIAL PLANNING - RECOMMENDATIONS

(Pages
97 - 102)

To consider a report of the Director of Finance recommending that the Committee recommend to Full Council at its meeting on 20 February 2024 the Council's Revenue and Capital budgets and Treasury Management Policy for the period 2024/25 to 2026/27 (medium-term).

9. HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY 2023-2028 - FINAL DRAFT

(Pages
103 -
178)

To consider a report by the Strategic Housing Manager reviewing the Council's Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2017-2022; and a final draft of the Council's proposed Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-2028.

- 10. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION ON STANDARDS PROCEDURE** (Pages 179 - 194)

To consider a report by the Associate Director, Legal and Democratic Services, recommending that the Council revise its current Member Complaints Procedure to bring it in line with good practice as recommended by the Local Government Association (LGA).

- 11. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION ON RECORDING OF PRIVATE MEETINGS** (Pages 195 - 230)

To consider a report by the Associate Director, Legal and Democratic Services, recommending that a provision should be added to the Protocol on Member/Officer Relations and the Member Code of Conduct which prohibits the audio and/or visual recording of private meetings (including private video and telephone calls) unless the prior consent of those attending has been obtained.

- 12. WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 231 - 236)

To consider a draft version of the Committee's Work Programme and make any comments on the Work Programme before it is updated.

- 13. OTHER BUSINESS - IF APPROVED UNDER ITEM 3 ABOVE**

- 14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

If the Committee wishes to consider any remaining items in private, it will be appropriate for a resolution to be passed in the following terms –

“That, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under Paragraph [insert paragraph number] of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

Note: If other confidential business is approved under Item 3, it will also be necessary to specify the class of exempt or confidential information in the additional items.

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